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(57) Provided are stable hydrate crystals of 14 α -hydroxy-4-androstene-3,6,17-trione having a biological activity of human placenta-originating estradiene synthesis enzyme inhibitory action. These hydrate crystals include two kinds of 14 α -hydroxy-4-androstene-3,6,17-trione hydrate crystals having a diffraction pattern having characteristic peaks at diffraction angles in crystalline powder X-ray diffraction. Processes for producing these hydrate crystals are also provided.

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